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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SECDEF ON F-16 (U)

STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. (C) MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS VISITED WITH SECDEF, DEPSECDEF AND DOD OFFICIALS THIS MORNING FOR PURPOSE OF RECEIVING FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES ON F-16 PROCUREMENT. MOST OF THE POINTS RAISED WERE PSYCHOLOGICAL. SECDEF ADVISED MOD THAT ASSURANCES GIVEN GOB WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF CONSORTIUM. VANDEN BOEYNANTS APPEARED SATISFIED AS RESULT OF MEETING.

2. (C) VANDEN BOEYNANTS REQUESTED AND SECDEF AGREED THAT THERE WILL BE NO COMMENT BY US OR BELGIANS ABOUT THE
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MEETING TO PRESS OR OTHERS.

3. (C) MOD WILL CARRY LETTER FROM SECDEF BACK TO BELGIUM TONIGHT AND IT WILL BE USED AS BASIS FOR PRIME MINISTER TO SET CABINET MEETING TO MAKE BELGIAN DECISION. MOD INDICATED DECISION WOULD BE MADE THIS WEEK. THE DETAILS CONTAINED IN LETTER WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU SHORTLY.

4. (C) IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, IMMINENCE OF BELGIAN DECISION AND FACT THAT OTHER CONSORTIUM MEMBERS HAVE SIGNED PRE-LIMINARY CONTRACT AND MOU, NO FORMAL EXTENSION OF US CUT-OFF DATE APPEARS NECESSARY. INGERSOLL

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